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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL 800 LAF SOLDIERS TO SOUTH LEBANON

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REFTELS INDICATE THAT GOL HAD DECIDED TO SEND 800 ADDITIONAL
SOLDIERS TO SOUTH LEBANON FROM THE ABLAH BARRACKS AUGUST 4.
IF THERE IS ANY TRUTH TO THIS, WE ALL HAD BETTER GRAB OUR
LIFE JACKETS. HADDAD AND THE GOI WILL, WITHOUT QUESTION,
CONCLUDE THAT THE EXTRA 800 (PROBABLY MOSTLY MOSLEMS) ARE
MEANT TO DO THE WORK OF CLEANING UP THE CHRISTIAN ENCLAVES
THAT WAS BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF THE ORIGINAL GROUP. WE
SEEM TO BE EDGING INCH BY INCH CLOSER TO A SOLUTION TO THE
PROBLEM OF GETTING THE LAF TO TIBNIN. TO PUT IT MILDLY, THIS
IS NOT GOING TO HELP. I RECOMMEND THAT AMBASSADOR PARKER DO
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WHAT HE CAN IN BEIRUT TO KILL THIS IDEA; APPEARANCE OF
REINFORCEMENTS ON SCENE IN WAKE OF KHADDAN'S VISIT TO BEIRUT
WOULD REVIVE ALL THE WORST SUSPICIONS HERE AS TO WHAT THE
GAME HAS REALLY ALL BEEN ABOUT. MOREOVER, EVEN AN
ADDITIONAL 800 WOULD NOT ALTER FACT THAT A MILITARY SOLUTION
FOR THE LAF'S PROBLEM IS NOT IN THE CARDS. LEWIS

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